

Dedication

Countless hours have gone into making this project one in which nurse aides who wish to sharpen their skills in the areas presented here are afforded the opportunity to do so. It is to them these modules are dedicated and to them we give thanks for their commitment and dedication to nursing.

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